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An Able Article on the Observance of the Christian Sabbath. The True Basis of Prosperity.

To the editor of the Star.

While I do not believe in a post mortem examination even of a city ordinance, as a general rule, yet it sometimes becomes necessary. In regard to my remarks before the city council on the Sunday ordinance, I wish to say that in reply to the statement that ice cream, soda water, cigars and newspapers should be sold on Sunday, that the poor man might have a chance to enjoy such luxuries, I said that the gentleman making such an argument, seemed to act on the principle that if a man could be allowed to have the luxuries of life, he could do without the necessities. Surely the poor man needs food and clothing more than soda water and cigars. Therefore, if we open the places of business for the purchase of the luxuries, we ought to open the store where the poor may buy food and clothing.

I do not deem it necessary to argue the question as to whether we should observe the first or seventh day of the week. The conscientious Hebrew, who does not accept the teachings of Christ and his apostles would not be convinced by any arguments from the New Testament. For such as faithfully observe the seventh day as their scriptures teach, I have profound respect. To those who say: "We believe in doing everything that can possibly be done for the advancement of christianity and as it has been the custom of the Christian church to keep Sunday as a day of worship, we believe as strongly as any one in keeping it," we deem it superfluous to offer any evidence. To the above quotation, I add a hearty amen. The confession is a good one, let us put it into practice. Suffice it to say that for more than eighteen hundred years the great body of Christians with very few exceptions have observed the first day of the week as the Lord's day and the wisest and best teachers among us have regarded the evidence as sufficient to warrant this uniform practice.

"Moral Law," is defined as follows: "The laws which lay down to men, their duties to God and each other, applied particularly to the ten commandments." Can any one who does not keep these commandments be moral? Can any one who seeks to enact a law authorizing men to break these commandments, truly claim to be in favor of morality? Who can read the fourth of these commandments, written by the finger of God upon the tables of stone and say that such unnecessary work as selling soda water, cigars etc., is not prohibited by the great moral code?

It is urged that the disciples of Jesus were allowed to "pluck the ears of corn and to eat on the Sabbath day" and that Jesus healed the sick on this holy day. But it does not appear that Jesus authorized his disciples to sell or buy soda water, cigars, newspapers and other such luxuries on the Sabbath. But such acts do justify works of necessity and mercy, such as preparing necessary food for the body and administering to the sick on the Lord's day.

But it is again argued that allowing the sale of such luxuries on Sunday makes a city prosperous and Jacksonville, Tampa and Pensacola are pointed out as proof of this statement. These cities allow such things and are prosperous. Ocala passed a law a few months ago prohibiting such sale and is not prosperous. Such mode of reasoning would prove that yellow fever makes a

city prosperous.

The above named cities have been afflicted with yellow fever and are prosperous. Ocala has not been so afflicted and is not as prosperous therefore, yellow fever brings prosperity. Something must be wrong with such logic and we must look elsewhere for the causes of prosperity. It is needless to add that Ocala had an open Sunday until a few months ago and such a law did not bring continued prosperity.

I wish to express my thanks to the city council for the very respectful hearing accorded me. As the representative of a church with more than 200 members and more than \$10,000. invested in a house of worship and feeling a deep interest in the spiritual, moral and financial welfare of the city. I claim a right to speak on this subject. No one who reads the bible carefully can question the fact that God promises blessing to the nation, the city and the individual who keep his commandments and punishment to those who violate his law. "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

Respectfully,
J. P. HILBURN.

What We Inherit

We are not to blame for. We cannot be held responsible for the dispositions and tendencies which we derive from our ancestors, nor are we responsible for the germs of disease which may manifest themselves in our blood as a heritage from former generations. But we are responsible if we allow these germs to develop into serious diseases which will impair our usefulness and destroy our happiness. We are responsible if we transmit to our descendants the disease germs which it is possible for us to eradicate by the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla, the one true blood purifier. This medicine has power to make rich, red blood and establish perfect health in place of disease.

A Worthy Cause.

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To the merchants and Citizens of Ocala:

I hereby give notice that I will not be accountable for any debts contracted on my credit or in my name. No person or persons are in any way authorized to obtain any goods on my credit and no accounts of this kind will be paid by me.

W. L. Smith, a well known citizen of Moss Bluff, was among the Ocala visitors yesterday.

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A Pleasant Evening Ahead.

Be sure to attend the Silver Tea given by the Baptist ladies next Tuesday at the residence of Dr. J. M. Thompson. Though the contributions on these occasions are usually of silver, out of respect to President McKinley, the ladies would by no means put a veto on gold. Nice refreshments and good music will add to the evening. All the friends of Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Oates, which means the citizens of Ocala without regard to denomination, are most cordially invited.

Epworth League.

The topic of the Epworth League at the Methodist church tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock will be "The Path of the Just." Mrs. E. Dozier will lead the meeting. After the opening exercises the roll of membership will be called, and each member will be expected to respond with some appropriate remark, verse of scripture or other selection. Everybody cordially invited.

B. Y. P. U. Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union will be held in the church tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. L. V. Stevens will be the leader. The topic is "Problem of the Vicious Classes." A very interesting program has been prepared and a cordial invitation is extended any who may wish to attend.

Revolver Lost.

L. G. Young, of Sparr, lost a 32-calibre Smith & Wesson revolver in Ocala today. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving same at this office. 3t-d.

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Rev. A. B. Herring, of Ocoee, will preach at the Christian church Sunday morning and evening. Subject for the evening service is "The Infallible Safe Course." Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Everybody invited.

Major C. H. Campbell and Judge Hill arrived home yesterday from Tallahassee where they spent a day or so at Camp Henderson. Mr. Campbell spent a day at Quincy investigating the tobacco developments at that place.

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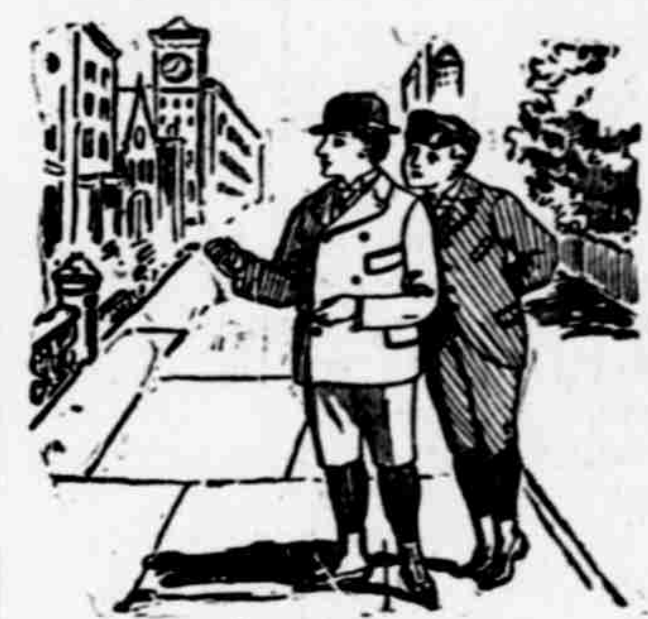
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